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In re Application of: Markussen et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, after the title, with the following paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application no. 09/861,687 filed on May 21, 2001, now pending, which is a divisional of serial no.08/932,082 filed on September 17, 1997, now US Patent No. 6,251,856, which is a continuation of PCT/DK96/00107 filed March 18, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of serial no. 08/448,210, filed May 23, 1995, now abandoned, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application 0276/95 filed March 17, 1995, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-10, 13-25, 28-43, 45, 48-65, 67, 70-91, 93, 96-113, 115, 118-133 and 135 without prejudice.